

# **International Convention of Germans from Russia**

**July 28-August 3, 2008**

**Parkway Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Casper, WY**

**Hosted by AHSGR and GRHS**



**“Celebrating Our Common Heritage”**



**The Official 2008 International Convention Name Tag MUST be worn at all times and is required for participation in all activities/events including entrance into all of the sessions, the Libraries, Bookstores, Computer Room, Movie Theater, Sing-a-Longs, Meals and Informal Village Visits. No one will be admitted to any event/activity without their name tag. Name Tags can be acquired by registering either for the full week of the convention or for a single day.**

## **Room Assignments for the Week**

Convention Registration and Information .....	<b>Convention Center Mallway/Registration Booth</b>
Computer Room/On-Line Research Center .....	<b>Shoshoni</b>
AHSGR Library and Bookstore .....	<b>Mardi Gras</b>
GRHS Library and Bookstore .....	<b>Natrona</b>
Heritage Hall .....	<b>Convention Center Mallway</b>
Movie Theater .....	<b>Cheyenne</b>
(See Posted Schedule for topics and show times for DVDs, Videos and presentations.)	
Hospitality Room .....	<b>Rooms 1146 and 1150</b>
(Board and Foundation members and convention Volunteers only)	
GRHS Youth Essay Program Booth .....	<b>Convention Center Mallway/Coat Check</b>
(All proceeds go directly for Youth Scholarships)	
Drawings for quilts and other items .....	<b>Convention Center Registration Area</b>
Informal Village Visits – Time and location determined by the Village Coordinators	
(check area display tables in Heritage Hall for information.)	
Sing-a-longs .....	<b>Tiffany * and Main Lobby Area</b>
Tours .....	<b>Meet in Main Hotel Lobby</b>

**\*ADA Compatible:** All of the activities and events at the hotel are ADA compatible with the exception of 3 areas – The Tiffany and Champagne Rooms and the Skylight. All activities and programs followed by an asterisk \* are located in the Tiffany or Champagne Room upstairs in the hotel. *Access to these areas is by stairway only* and the areas are **not** ADA compatible. Presentations scheduled for the Tiffany room will be repeated in one of the rooms in the main convention center so that all presentations can be accessed by everyone. Sing-a-longs will be set up so that both the Tiffany Room and the Main Hotel Lobby area are used and accessible to everyone.

**Monday, July 28, 2008**

- 8:00 – 5:00 Registration, Information, Computer Room and AHSGR Library Open
- 8:30 – 6:00 **AHSGR Directors and IFAHSGR Trustees Meetings** *See meeting schedule in AHSGR Society book for room locations.*  
**Village Area Table Set-up** *Heritage Hall*
- 9:00 – 5:00 Movie Theater Open *Cheyenne*
- 10:00 – 4:00 Hospitality Suite Open *Rooms 1146 and 1150*
- 12:30 – 1:30 **LUNCH:** on your own

**Tuesday, July 29, 2008**

- 8:00 - 5:00 Registration, Information, Computer Room and AHSGR Library Open
- 8:15 - 5:00 **AHSGR Directors Meetings** *See meeting schedule in AHSGR Society book for room locations.*  
**IFAHSGR Trustees Meetings**  
**Village Area Table Set-up** *Heritage Hall*
- 9:00 – 5:00 Movie Theater Open *Cheyenne*
- 9:30 – 11:30 **Genealogical Research at the Family History Center** *Family History Library*  
Facilitators: Mary McQuade (Casper, WY) and Pam Martin (Casper, WY)  
*Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.*
- 10:00 – 4:00 Hospitality Suite Open *Rooms 1146 and 1150*
- 12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH:** on your own
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Genealogical Research at the Family History Center** *Family History Library*  
Facilitators: Mary McQuade (Casper, WY) and Pam Martin (Casper, WY)  
*Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.*
- 1:30 – 4:30 **Tour:** Historic Becker Farm and Old Tyme Entertainment *Meet in Main Hotel Lobby*
- 6:00 **FIESTA BUFFET:** *Ramada Plaza Riverside*  
**AHSGR-GRHS Directors, Trustees and Volunteers**

**Wednesday, July 30, 2008**

- 7:00 (full day) **Tour:** Black Thunder Mine & Buffalo Ranch *Meet in Main Hotel Lobby*
- 8:00 – 5:00 Registration, Information, Computer Room and AHSGR Library Open
- 8:00 – 12:00 **AHSGR Directors and IFAHSGR Trustees Meetings** *See meeting schedule in AHSGR Society book for room locations.*  
**Complete Village Area Tables Set-up** *Heritage Hall*
- 9:00 – 5:00 Movie Theater Open *Cheyenne*
- 9:30 – 11:30 **Genealogical Research at the Family History Center** *Family History Library*  
Facilitators: Mary McQuade (Casper, WY) and Pam Martin (Casper, WY)  
*Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.*

- 10:00 – 4:00 Hospitality Suite Open *Rooms 1146 and 1150*
- 12:00 – 5:00 AHSGR & GRHS Bookstores, GRHS Library Open *Mardi Gras, Natrona*
- 12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH:** on your own
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Chapter Officers, AHSGR and GRHS Joint Meeting** *Wyoming*  
 Jerry Siebert (Moraga, CA), Nancy Borrell (Lincoln, NE),  
 Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA) and Wanda Hopkins (Spokane Valley, WA)
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Dance and Music Workshop\*** *Tiffany*  
 Clarence and Bonita Ley (Rapid City, SD) **(NOT ADA Compatible)**
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Genealogical Research at the Family History Center** *Family History Library*  
 Facilitators: Mary McQuade (Casper, WY) and Pam Martin (Casper, WY)  
*Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.*
- 2:45 – 4:00 **Village Coordinators Meeting** *Wyoming*  
 Joseph E. Gertge (South Weber, UT), Jim Osborne (Chicago, IL),  
 Gayla Gray (Spokane, WA), Rich Aspenleiter (Spokane, WA)
- 3:00 – 5:00 **Youth Program Orientation for Parents and Participants** *Adrian's*
- 4:30 – 5:30 **Social Hour** *Mallway/Heritage Hall*
- 5:30 – 8:00 **WELCOME NIGHT WESTERN BUFFET** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
 Presiding: Al Feist (Hebron, ND) and Patti Sellenrick (Sheridan, WY), Convention Co-Chairs  
 Invocation: Bruce Cropper (Walnut Creek, CA)  
 Welcome: Maggi M. Murdock, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the  
 University of Wyoming Outreach School  
 Painted Past: Angel Capone on Casper History, Carol Chapin as Ettie Hurt and Marvin Nolte as Dr.  
 Benson  
 Western singer: Kent Neubert  
 Crimson Dames: Red Hat Society Kitchen Band - Director, Bev Miller  
 Western Theme Prizes: Nick and Barb Bretz (Arvada, CO)  
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- 8:15 – 10:00 **Village Coordinators Library Night** *Mardi Gras, Natrona*

**Thursday, July 31, 2008**

- 8:00 – 5:00 Registration and Information open
- 8:30 – 9:30 **Opening Ceremony** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
 Presiding: Al Feist and Patti Sellenrick, Convention Co-Chairs  
 Presentation of Flags: Al Hart, Ken Koehler, Ed Babitzke and Wilbert Harsch  
*Representing the German Russian Veterans*  
 Welcome: Kenyne Schlager, Vice-President of Casper City Council and Governor David D. Freudenthal
- 9:45 – 11:15 **AHSGR Business Meeting and IFAHSGR Annual Membership Meeting** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
 Presiding: Jerry Siebert, AHSGR President (Moraga, CA), Mayo Flegel, IFAHSGR President (Mankato, MN)  
 Parliamentarian: Brock Burch (Casper, WY)

12:00 – 4:00	Hospitality Suite Open	<i>Rooms 1146 and 1150</i>
12:00 – 5:00	Computer Room, AHSGR and GRHS Libraries and Bookstores open Movie Theater Open	<i>Cheyenne</i>
11:45 – 2:00	<b>FOUNDATION BUFFET LUNCHEON</b> Presiding: Mayo Flegel, IFAHSGR President (Mankato, MN) and Ted Becker, HFGR President (Minneapolis, MN) Invocation: Virginia Fergel (Shields, ND) Speaker: Dr. Nina Vaschkau (Volgograd State University, Volgograd, Russia) “ <i>Deportation of Russian Germans in 1941 and Its Consequences</i> ” IFAHSGR President Report: Mayo Flegel, President HFGR President Report: Ted Becker, President IFAHSGR Grand Step Awards IFAHSGR Founders Club Awards IFAHSGR Certificates to outgoing Trustees IFAHSGR Donor Campaign Kick-Off **** <i>Meal tickets will be collected at the Buffet table when picking up plate. Seats may not be reserved. Please do not tilt chairs for the safety of convention attendees.</i>	<i>American, Ballrooms A, B, C</i>
2:30 – 4:00	<b>Heritage Foundation of Germans from Russia Meeting*</b> Presiding: Ted Becker, HFGR President (Minneapolis, MN)	<i>Champagne (NOT ADA Compatible)</i>
2:30 – 5:00	<b>Cultural Cooking Class: <i>Fleischküchle and Bierocks</i></b> Vi Schielke (Beulah, ND) and Jerry Siebert (Moraga, CA) <i>Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.</i>	<i>Mills Senior Center</i>
2:30 – 3:30	<b>Workshops:</b>	
	<b>Northern Volga Catholic Villages</b> Village Coordinators	<i>Adrian’s</i>
	<b>SOAR – What Is It and What Data Is Available On-line?</b> Dennis Zitterkopf (Wichita, KS) & Ken Leffler (Sonora, CA)	<i>American</i>
	<b>Kanton Frank and Northern Protestant Villages of Kanton Kamenka</b> Doris Eckhardt Evans (Almira, WA) & Brent Mai (Beaverton, OR)	<i>Ballroom A</i>
	<b>An Introduction to Mennonite Genealogy</b> Dr. Tim Janzen (Happy Valley, OR)	<i>Ballroom B</i>
	<b>Shatter Belt: Western Russia and the Eastern Austro-Hungarian Empire</b> Irmgard Hein Ellingson (Grafton, IA)	<i>Ballroom C</i>
	<b>Looking at the Land of Your Ancestors*</b> Professor Inna Stryukova (Nikolaev, Ukraine) <i>Duplicate presentation.</i>	<i>Tiffany (NOT ADA Compatible)</i>
	<b>Beresan (BDO) Area</b> Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA) & David Kilwein (Aberdeen, WA)	<i>Wyoming</i>
3:45 – 4:45	<b>Workshops:</b>	
	<b>Crimea – A Black Sea Jewel</b> Wanda Hopkins (Spokane, WA)	<i>Adrian’s</i>

**Kutschurgan Roundup** *American*  
Margaret Rehwalt (Nine Mile Falls, WA) and Dennis Roth (Newcastle, WA)

**Village Coordinators – Strategies and Information and How They Can Help You**  
Doris Eckhardt Evans (Almira, WA), Margaret Freeman (Redondo Beach, CA)  
and Curt Renz (Ames, IA) *Ballroom A*

**A Photo Journey to Russian Archives, Universities, and Villages and People I Have Met**  
Ed Hoak (Long Grove, IL) *Ballroom B*

**Hoffnungstal Odessa Parish Workshop**  
Vince Humann (Rio Rancho, NM) and Murray Gauer (New Westminster, BC) *Ballroom C*

**To the Kingdom of Death: A Research Trip to Former German Villages in the Ukraine\***  
Ron Vossler (East Grand Forks, MN) *Tiffany*  
*Duplicate presentation.* **(NOT ADA Compatible)**

**Reading Cyrillic Script**  
Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA) and David Kilwein (Aberdeen, WA) *Wyoming*

5:00 – 5:45 **Sing-a-long** *Tiffany and Main Lobby*

5:00 – 6:00 **GRHS Board of Directors Meeting** *Gourmet*  
Presiding: Valerie Ingram, President (Spokane, WA)

5:00 – 6:30 **Social Hour** *Mallway/Heritage Hall*

6:30 – 8:30 **HERITAGE NIGHT BUFFET** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
Presiding: Brent Mai (Beaverton, OR)  
Invocation: Don Schenk (Sioux City, IA)  
Speaker: Dr. Timothy Kloberdanz (Fargo, North Dakota) “*One Huge Heritage, One Huge Family:  
We Are Not the Strangers We Thought We Were*”  
With Assistance from Maria Appelhans (Fort Collins, Colorado) and Rosalinda Kloberdanz (Fargo, North  
Dakota)  
Recognition of AHSGR Retiring Board Members  
GRHS Lane Alton Nusz Award  
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8:45 **Informal Village Visits** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
Check Village Area Displays in Heritage Hall for locations and times.

### **Friday, August 1, 2008**

8:00 – 5:00 Registration, Information, Computer Room, AHSGR and GRHS Libraries and Bookstores open

8:30 – 11:15 **Folklore Symposium: Storytelling, Youth Essays, Music** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
Presiding: AHSGR Storytelling Contest: Ken Koehler (Arvada, CO)  
GRHS Youth Essay Contest: Del Beck (Rapid City, SD)  
Music: *The Music Legacy of Adolph Lesser:*  
Cyndi Lesser-Babish (Greeley, CO)  
Accompanied by John Stehle, Accordionist (Denver, CO)

9:00 – 5:00 Movie Theater Open *Cheyenne*

10:00 – 4:00 Hospitality Suite Open *Rooms 1146 and 1150*

- 11:45 – 1:30 **LUNCH BUFFET:** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
 Presiding: Del Beck (Rapid City, SD)  
 Invocation: Jim Fabricius (Zephyrhills, FL)  
 Speaker: Dr. Mila Koretnikov (Rastatt, Germany)  
*“One-Way Ticket from Russia to Germany:  
 Aussiedlers in the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”*  
 Recognition of GRHS Youth Essay Winners  
 GRHS Board Candidate Speakers  
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- 2:00 – 5:00 **Cultural Cooking Class: Käseknöpfe and Strawberry Katfilta** *Mills Senior Center*  
 Del Paulson (Pierre, SD) & Ken Koehler (Arvada, CO)  
*Registration is required. Please check at registration for availability.*
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Workshops:**
- Kantons Kukkus, Seelman and Yagodnaja Poljana Protestant Villages**  
 Ray Heinle, Coordinator (Gilbert, AZ) *Adrian's*
- Searching for your German Russian Family and Relatives Using the EWZ Films**  
 Margaret Rehwalt (Nine Mile Falls, WA) and Dennis Roth (Newcastle, WA) *American*
- Using the GRHS Website**  
 Gayla Gray (Spokane, WA) *Ballroom A*
- To the Kingdom of Death: A Research Trip to Former German Villages in the Ukraine**  
 Ron Vossler (East Grand Forks, MN) *Ballroom B*
- German Newspaper Research with Particular Reference to Germans from Russia**  
 Peggy Goertzen (Hillsboro, KS) *Ballroom C*
- History of a Colony – How to Restore a Family History\***  
 (Illustrated with Archival Documents) *Tiffany*  
 Dr. Nina Vaschkau (Volgograd State University, Volgograd, Russia) **(NOT ADA Compatible)**  
*Duplicate presentation.*
- Southern Volga Catholic Villages – Past & Current Research Efforts**  
 Village Coordinators *Wyoming*
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Kuchen Break** (Free Will Donation) *Mallway/Heritage Hall*
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Workshops:**
- The German Brotherhood: 276 Years of History from the Volga River in Russia, USA, Canada, South America and Siberia**  
 Paul E. Koehler (St. Joseph, MI) *Adrian's*  
*Duplicate presentation*
- Archive Research in the Lower Volga Region:  
 The Engels, Saratov, and Volgograd Archives**  
 Dr. Mila Koretnikov (Rastatt, Germany) *American*
- Genetic Genealogy, A New Tool for Genealogists**  
 Dr. Tim Janzen (Happy Valley, OR) *Ballroom A*
- Glückstal Colonies Research Ass'n: Contributions, Accomplishments, Future**

Margaret Freeman (Redondo Beach, CA) and Homer Rudolf (Richmond, VA) *Ballroom B*

**Bessarabian and Dobrudscha Area Research Workshop**

Carolyn Schott (Seattle, WA) *Ballroom C*

**Lost in Russia\***

Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA) and David Kilwien (Aberdeen, WA) *Tiffany*  
**(NOT ADA Compatible)**  
*Duplicate presentation.*

**Kanton Balzer Protestant Villages**

Ken Leffler (Sonora, CA) and Dennis Zitterkopf (Wichita, KS) *Wyoming*

4:45 – 5:30 **Sing-a-long** *Mallway/Heritage Hall*

5:00 – 6:30 **Social Hour** *Mallway/Heritage Hall*

6:30 – 8:15 **DINNER BUFFET:** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*

Presiding: Nick Bretz (Arvada, CO)

Invocation: JoAnn Wangler (Bismarck, ND)

Recognition of GRHS Family History Awards

Recognition of GRHS Life Memberships

Recognition of AHSGR Life Memberships

GRHS Board Candidate Speakers

Entertainment: Vocalist, Harry J. Schlager Jr. (North Hills, CA), “From L.A. to Broadway”

Accompanist: Paula Flynn (Glenrock, WY)

I Can See It (From “The Fantastics”)

On The Street Where You Live (From “My Fair Lady”)

Stranger in Paradise (From “Kismet”)

George Gershwin Medley: A Foggy Day, Love Walked In, Embraceable You

Stairway To Paradise, Bring Him Home (From “Les Miserables”)

Time to Say Goodbye (Con Ti Partiro), Never Never Land (From “Peter Pan”)

Anthem (From “Chess”)

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8:30 **Informal Village Visits** *American, Ballrooms A, B, C*  
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8:30 **Schneider Tour Reunion with Professor Inna Stryukova\*** *Tiffany*  
Bob Schneider **(NOT ADA Compatible)**

**Saturday, August 2, 2008**

8:00 – 12:00 Registration and Information open

8:00 – 9:30 Computer Room, AHSGR and GRHS Libraries and Bookstores open

8:30 – 9:30 **Workshops:**

**(KET) Kherson Taurien and Ekaterinoslav Region Workshop**

Dr. Tim Janzen (Happy Valley, OR)

*Adrian’s*

**Looking at the Land of Your Ancestors**

Professor Inna Stryukova (Nikolaev, Ukraine)

*American*

**Documents on the Famine of 1921-1922 in the Volga Valley**

Dr. Robert Meininger (Lincoln, NE)

*Ballroom A*

**From Steppe to Steppe – From Black Sea to Volga-German Kansas.  
Comparing three Memoirs from a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Immigrant Family**  
Alex Herzog (Boulder, CO) and Mike Herzog (Spokane, WA)

*Ballroom B*

**Grossliebental Area Research Workshop**  
Gayla Gray (Spokane, WA)

*Ballroom C*

**Archive Research in the Lower Volga Region:**

**The Engels, Saratov, and Volgograd Archives\***

*Tiffany*

Dr. Mila Koretnikov (Rastatt, Germany) (NOT ADA Compatible)

*Duplicate presentation.*

**The German Brotherhood: 276 Years of History from the Volga River  
in Russia, USA, Canada, South America, and Siberia**

Paul E. Koehler (St. Joseph, MI)

*Wyoming*

8:30 – 9:30 Movie Theater Open

*Cheyenne*

9:45 – 10:30 **GRHS Annual Business Meeting**  
Presiding: Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA)  
Parliamentarian: Bob Schneider (Spearfish, SD)

*Ballrooms A, B, C*

10:30 -3:00 Movie Theater Open

*Cheyenne*

10:30 – 3:30 GRHS and AHSGR Computer Room, Libraries and Bookstores open

10:45 – 11:00 **AHSGR Board of Directors Meetings and Elections**  
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*Adrian's  
Champagne*

**(NOT ADA Compatible)**

**IFAHSGR Board of Trustees Meeting and Elections**

*Senate*

11:30 – 1:30 **LUNCH BUFFET:**

*American, Ballrooms A, B, C*

Presiding: Val Wangler (Bismarck, ND)

Invocation: Patsy Fabricius (Zephyrhills, FL)

Speaker: Professor Inna Stryukova (Nikolaev, Ukraine) "A Ukrainian's Perspective of the USA."

Presentation of GRHS Joseph Height Literary Award

Presentation of GRHS Award of Charter

Presentation of AHSGR Chapter Early Renewal Awards

Presentation of AHSGR Chapter New Membership Awards

Presentation of AHSGR New Member Contest Winners

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2:00 – 5:00 **Cultural Cooking Class: Black Sea and Volga Kuchen**

*Mills Senior Center*

Del Paulson (Pierre, SD), Nancy Borrell (Lincoln, NE) and Diane White (Lincoln, NE)

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2:00 – 3:00 **Workshops:**

**Germans to Prussia, Poland to Russia Interest Group**

Tom Stangl (Sterling, VA)

*Adrian's*

**History of a Colony – How to Restore a Family History  
(Illustrated with Archival Documents)**

Dr. Nina Vaschkau (Volgograd State University, Volgograd, Russia)

*American*

**Understanding Russia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...Why Russians Do What They Do**

**Part One - A Historical Perspective**

Marilyn Reh Murray (Phoenix, AZ) *Ballroom A*

**Germans from Russia and North Platte Valley Agriculture**

Jack R. Preston (Lyman, NE) *Ballroom B*

**The Long Trek: The SS Population Transfer of Ukrainian Germans to the Polish Warthegau and Its Consequences, 1943-1944**

Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz (Alva, OK) *Ballroom C*

**From Steppe to Steppe – From Black Sea to Volga-German Kansas  
Comparing three Memoirs from a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Immigrant Family \***

Alex Herzog (Boulder, CO) and Mike Herzog (Spokane, WA) *Tiffany*  
(NOT ADA Compatible)  
*Duplicate presentation.*

**Lost in Russia**

Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA) and David Kilwien (Aberdeen, WA) *Wyoming*

3:00 – 3:30 **Kuchen Break** (Free Will Donation) *Mallway/Heritage Hall*

3:30 – 4:30 **Workshops:**

**Hungary to Russia**

Gayla Gray (Spokane, WA) and Carolyn Schott (Seattle, WA) *Adrian's*

**Our German Russian Relatives in South America**

Jerry Siebert (Moraga, CA) *American*

**Understanding Russia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century... Why Russians Do What They Do  
Part Two: Current Issues**

Marilyn Reh Murray (Phoenix, AZ) *Ballroom A*

**Northern Volga Protestant Villages**

Village Coordinators *Ballroom B*

**The Long Trek: The SS Population Transfer of Ukrainian Germans to the Polish Warthegau and Its Consequences, 1943-1944**

Dr. Eric J. Schmaltz (Alva, OK) *Ballroom C*  
*Duplicate Presentation*

**The Development of the German Russian Settlements in the North Caucasus**

Arthur Flegel (Menlo Park, CA) *Gourmet*

**Southern Protestant Villages of Kanton Kamenka**

Village Coordinators *Wyoming*

3:30 – 4:30 *Both Societies pack and load libraries, bookstores, etc. Take down displays in Heritage Hall.*

4:45 –5:30 **Sing-a-long \*** *Tiffany and Main Lobby*

4:45 –5:30 **Town Meeting** *Adrian's*

Velma Jesser (Las Cruces, NM), Valerie Ingram (Spokane, WA)  
and David Kilwien (Aberdeen, WA)

5:30 – 7: 00 **Social Hour** *Mallway*

7:30 – 9:30 **BANQUET:** *American A, B, C,*

Presiding: Ed Hoak (Long Grove, IL) *Mardi Gras, Natrona, Wyoming*  
Invocation: Herb Kaul (Bismarck, ND)  
Introduction and Installation of GRHS Directors and Officers  
Introduction of HFGR Directors and Officers  
Introduction of AHSGR Directors and Officers  
Introduction of IFAHSGR Trustees and Officers  
Presentation of AHSGR Distinguished Service Award  
Speakers: Dona Reeves-Marquardt and Lewis R. Marquardt (Austin, TX)  
          *“Our German-Russian Communities: A Common Heritage, An Uncommon History”*  
Drawings/Raffles (quilt, wall hanging and afghans)  
Passing of the Lantern: AHSGR: Casper, Wyoming to Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada  
                          GRHS: Casper, Wyoming to Rapid City, South Dakota  
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9:45 – 12:00   **Dance** *Mardi Gras, Natrona, American,*  
                  *“Spur of the Moment”* *Ballrooms A, B, C*

**Sunday, August 3, 2008**

9:00 –10:00   **Ecumenical Church and Memorial Service** *Ballrooms A, B, C*